

**REMARKS**

Applicants have herein canceled claims 1-26 without prejudice to applicant's right to present these claims in a later-filed amendment. Applicants have added new claims 27-38. This amendment does not involve any issue of new matter. The subject matter of claims 27-38 corresponds to the subject matter of claims 37-45 and 52-59 in copending U.S. Application No. 09/012846, filed January 23, 1998, which the Examiner assigned to Group II in a restriction requirement issued in an Office Action dated October 21, 2003 (Paper No. 36). Applicants have made the subject matter of these Group II claims the subject of this divisional application.

Support for claims 27-38 may be found inter alia as follows: Claim 27: originally filed claims 4 and 15; page 5, lines 5-7 of the specification; Claim 28: page 59, lines 9-15 of the specification; Claims 29-35: page 14, lines 4-6; 31-32, page 15, lines 1-3; page 15, lines 7-10; page 26, lines 2-3 of the specification; and Claims 36-38: originally filed claim 17; page 7, lines 5-6 of specification.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested such that claims 27-38 will be pending.

**SEQUENCE LISTING**

The paper Sequence Listing in this divisional application is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in the parent application, i.e. U.S. Serial No. 09/012846, filed January 23, 1998 (the “‘846 application”). In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the only computer readable form filed in the ‘846 application as the computer readable form for the subject divisional application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the subject divisional application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing as included in the ‘846 application is included in the copy of the filed specification provided herewith.

No fee other than the \$770.00 filing fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this application. Authorization is hereby given to charge the \$770 fee and any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. JJJ-P02-510 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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